Executive Broclamation State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Every year, over 5,000 young children in America lose their lives to terminal illnesses before ever having the opportunity to realize their ambitions; and,

WHEREAS, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, with 40 chapters in 24 states, is comprised of dedicated volunteers bent on helping these youngsters know the thrill of achieving their dreams; and,

WHEREAS, In the spirit of Babe Ruth, who hit three home runs in one baseball game for a little boy dying in the hospital, these volunteers raise funds and open doors for their young friends in an effort to help them achieve that one goal, whether it be to meet a famous baseball or football player, meet a favorite television or movie star, or be mayor for a day; and,

WHEREAS, In recognition of the dedication of the volunteers who donate their time, talent and energy to the cause of giving a sick youngster joy and happiness, it is fitting and proper for the State of South Dakota to join in the national observance of Make-A-Wish month:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim October, 1985, as

MAKE-A-WISH MONTH

in South Dakota, and I join the many friends of the South Dakota Make-A-Wish Foundation in commending the volunteers for their efforts to brighten the lives of terminally ill children and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR